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SUBJ: IRISH RESTRICTIONS ON AUTOMOBILE IMPORTS

REF: STATE 160739; GENEVA 3740

1. DCM AND ECON/COMMOFF DELIVERED NOTE BASED ON REFTELS SEPTEMBER 6 TO FONOFF COUNSELLOR FOR GATT AND EC, BRIAN O'CEALLAIGH. DELIVERY DELAYED UNTIL SEPT 6 BECAUSE O'CEALLAIGH HAD BEEN AWAY ON AUGUST VACATION. WE URGED STRONGLY THAT IRISH TAKE QUICK ACTION TO PERMIT NON-ASSEMBLER REGISTER TO IMPORT US MADE AUTOMOBILES IN ACCORDANCE THEIR GATT OBLIGATIONS, POINTING OUT THAT IRISH COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER COULD BE USED AS EXAMPLE TO DEMONSTRATE TO PROPONENTS OF PROTECTIONISM IN US THAT GATT IS MEANINGFUL AND WORTHWHILE TO AMERICAN INTERESTS.
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2. O'CEALLAIGH READ NOTE CAREFULLY AND PROMISED TO
TRY TO BRING IT TO ATTENTION OF DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND
COMMERCE MEMBERS OF IRISH DELEGATION TO TOKYO GATT MINISTERAIL.
HE ALSO INDICATED TO US THAT FONOFF WOULD SUPPORT
OUR REPRESENTATIONS, BUT COULD GIVE NO ASSURANCE THAT
INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE OFFICIALS WOULD BE LIKELY SEE
SITUATION IN SAME LIGHT. O'CEALLAIGH TOLD ECON/
COMOFF SEPTEMBER 10, THAT HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO
REACH DELGATES BEFORE THEY DEPARTED FOR TOKYO
BUT SAID HE WOULD RAISE MATTER WITH THESE OFFICIALS
AS SOON AS THEY RETURNED.

3. EARLIER, ON AUGUST 31, AMB AND DCM MENTIONED TO
FONOFF PERMSEC MCCANN THAT WE WERE PLANNING TO DELIVER
NOTE THAT USG CONSIDERS IRISH RETRICTIONS ON
AUTOMOBILE IMPORTS CONTRAVENE IRISH GATT OBLIGATIONS.
MCCANN INDICATED THAT IRELAND PRIDES ITSELF ON ABIDING
BY ITS TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND IMPLIED THAT IRISH WOULD
GIVE MATTER CAREFUL ATTENTION. MOORE

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